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## President/CEO Message - June 5, 2026

Campus Community,

We are **7 days** away from the 2026 Compton College Commencement Ceremony on **Friday, June 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cal State Long Beach Pyramid**. As we head into next week, several year-end events are also taking place. Please take a moment to review the [Calendar of Events](#) for upcoming workshops, celebrations, deadlines, and other events.

I recently read the [CalMatters article about the challenges many California community college students are experiencing in online classes](#). While flexible instruction can expand access and help students balance work, family, and other responsibilities, the article is also a timely reminder to consider how course format affects engagement, success, and completion. As noted in the [President/CEO Message - May 1, 2026](#), the 2026–2027 Compton College Scheduling and Enrollment Strategy includes three priorities aligned with Student-Centered Funding Formula projections: 1) increase CTE dual enrollment pathways, 2) establish adult dual enrollment under [Senate Bill 554](#), and 3) offer more short-term (7-week or 8-week) classes in fall and spring instead of full-term classes. Regarding items #1 and #3, students are taking these courses on campus. This context reinforces the importance of offering more on-campus and short-term options that support both access and student success.

Today's President/CEO Message includes a Summer 2026 enrollment update, important information about Fall 2026 fee payment deadlines, summer support and service hours for students, and reminders about upcoming campus events and Board of Trustees meeting.

### June 4, 2026 Compton College Enrollment Update

- **Summer 2026:** 535 FTES, and 4,405 (67%) of the available seats are currently filled.
- **Fall 2026:** 601 FTES, and 3,976 (22%) of the available seats are currently filled.

Summer 2026 enrollment is nearing capacity, with two-thirds of available seats already filled and many sections now full with active waitlists. With only 18 days remaining until the first classes begin, students are strongly encouraged to register as soon as possible to secure a spot in the courses they need.

Looking ahead to Fall 2026, enrollment continues to build, with more than 20 percent of seats already filled. With classes beginning in just under three months, now is an ideal time for students to plan and take advantage of the wide range of offerings available, including newly added sections. We encourage students to explore the [Schedule of Classes](#) and register early to secure courses and times that fit their schedules.

Students interested in enrolling are encouraged to connect with a Counselor to develop an education plan and stay on track toward graduation or transfer. Meeting with a Financial Aid Coordinator is also strongly recommended, as many financial assistance programs are available to help students navigate their options and support their academic journey.

### Fall 2026 Fee Payment Deadlines

Because new fee payment deadlines will take effect beginning with Fall 2026 registration, a [new webpage has been created](#) to provide students with additional information, including important deadlines and related details.

When students register for classes, enrollment and other required fees are added to their student accounts, and the published payment deadlines must be met. Students with an outstanding balance of \$200 or more may be dropped from Fall 2026 classes if payment is not received on time. As you work with students, please encourage them to review the deadlines carefully and apply for financial aid as early as possible. Students applying for financial aid for the first time for 2026–2027 should visit the Financial Aid Office before **June 25, 2026**, to help avoid being dropped for nonpayment for Fall 2026. For payment deadline details and additional information, please visit the [Fees & Holds webpage](#).

### **Annual Student Art Exhibition**

The Compton College Art Department invites the campus community, along with family and friends, to attend the Annual Student Art Exhibition. This year-end showcase features work created by students in art and design courses during the 2025–2026 academic year, including drawings, paintings, digital art, and two-dimensional design. A reception will be held on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.** The exhibition will remain open through **June 30, 2026**, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **Compton College Summer 2026 Support and Service Hours**

Summer support services will continue to be available to students beginning **Monday, June 22, 2026**.

- The Everytable Cafeteria will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through **August 7, 2026**, with closures on **Fridays, June 19, 2026**, and **Thursday, July 2, 2026**. Compton College students may continue to receive one free meal daily with their student ID through **August 20, 2027**, and additional meals, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase.
- The Bookstore will be open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with online services available 24/7.
- Student Services departments and the Bursar's Office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. through **August 7, 2026**.
- The Library-Student Success Center, including the Emily B. Hart-Holifield Library, Student Success Center, and computer lab, will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and will continue to offer free in-person and online tutoring, study rooms, and computer access for students throughout the summer.

### **2026-2027 Compton Community College District Tentative Budget**

For the past couple of weeks, we have been developing the 2026-2027 Compton CCD Tentative Budget that reflects information available currently from the 2026-2027 California State Budget May Revisions from Governor Newsom, and the 2026–2027 Joint Analysis of the Governor's May Revision prepared by the Chancellor's Office in partnership with the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), the Association of Chief Business Officials (ACBO), and the Community College League of California. For your reference, this information was also included in the [President/CEO Message - May 18, 2026](#).

We have a special [Planning and Budget Committee](#) meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, June 9, 2026**, at 1:00 p.m., to review the updated Compton CCD 2026-2027 Tentative Budget Assumptions ([available here](#)) and the proposed 2026-2027 Compton CCD Tentative Budget.

### **Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Today, June 15, 2026**, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Board Room in the Administration Building. All regular session meetings are open to the public. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., with the open session commencing at 6:00 p.m. The Board agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the

meeting. Agendas are posted on the BoardDocs website under the "Meetings" tab at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/compton/Board.nsf/Public>.

### **Closing the Loop**

As first shared in the [President/CEO Message - May 8, 2026](#), the “[Basic Needs Services: Student Expectations for Completion](#)” document outlines the eligibility criteria for continued access to certain Compton College basic needs supports beyond a student’s first year. Following review by legal counsel and input from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, the document was updated to clarify that, regardless of units enrolled, all Compton College students may continue to access technology and equipment loans, apply for Metro GoPasses, and utilize the Coyote Food Pantry, provided they are in good financial standing with the District and do not owe past-due fees or charges for lost or unreturned technology or equipment. All students will also remain eligible to apply for on-campus student housing at Compton College when it opens. The updated expectations for second-year access to certain basic needs supports will take effect in Fall 2027, and the Student Equity Office will begin developing communication timelines and reminders for students during the 2026–2027 academic year.

This is an important decision for Compton College, and it aligns with [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#) and our singular goal: to accelerate student completion while advancing equity and success. We need to support our students towards completion; however, they must meet our expectations for completion. We will continue to provide updates on the implementation of the [Basic Needs Services: Student Expectations for Completion](#), in future [President/CEO Messages](#).

### **Final Thoughts**

As a follow-up to last week’s update on facilities projects currently in the planning and design phases, I want to continue sharing information about the long-term vision for Compton College. Several employees have asked where future campus projects will be located. For those interested in a visual overview, the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#) includes architectural renderings and facilities planning materials in the Facilities Plan section on pages 81–95.

For those of you who had the opportunity to tour the Compton College Student Housing Project this week, I would love to hear your thoughts on the room.

Finally, please mark your calendar for the mandatory Fall 2026 Professional Development Day on **Thursday, August 20, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Gym**. All full-time employees (faculty, Classified professionals, and managers/supervisors) are required to participate in the mandatory Fall 2026 Professional Development Day. We are working to finalize the agenda and anticipate sending it to all Compton College employees before **July 30, 2026**.

Please have a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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(pronouns: he/him/his)  
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Compton College